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1. Danzig - Nowy Port. Approximately 500 sailors are concentrated in the buildings near the Bridge.

2. Gdynia - The Headquarters are located in Plac Zbrojowy.

Approximately two companies of sailors are billeted in the buildings in the Kosciuszko Square. Their food is good but the sailors are poorly dressed. Most of the sailors come from beyond the Bug and belong to the P.P.R. Some of them speak very little Polish. They behave well, and are better disciplined than the land army. There are many Russians among the officers.

In order to obtain employment on a ship belonging to the Merchant Navy the applicant must belong to the P.P.R. or one of its branches, such as the "Professional Sailors Union", or the "Professional Transport Union". All men employed on ships sailing [redacted] are Party members. Sailors arriving from the west are not employed on these ships.

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